



Proclamation

Presented to the

Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc.

WHEREAS, Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc., established in 2002, is Hawai'i's first & only non-profit organization dedicated to promoting music therapy; and

WHEREAS, Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc.'s mission is "to enhance public awareness of benefits of music therapy, to increase accessibility to music therapy services, and to advance music therapy research, in order to improve quality of life through therapeutic uses of music"; and

WHEREAS, Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. understands the valuable benefits of music therapy; music therapy consists of therapeutic uses of music to address behavioral, social, psychological, physical and communicative functioning; it enhances one's quality of life, involving human relationships, which are structured and adapted through the elements of music to create a positive environment and set the occasion for successful growth and change; and

WHEREAS, Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. was able to successfully provide music therapy to more than 200 Hawai'i families, as well as thousands of others through public education and resource programs; and

WHEREAS, Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. will be celebrating its 2nd Annual "A Morning of Music" on October 23, 2011 at Mission Houses Museums of Hawaii; the event will feature a champagne brunch, live musical entertainment, a silent auction, orchid sale, and more; and

WHEREAS, Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. will honor Pamela Young, Anchor of KITV, for her dedication and commitment to promote music therapy through media outreach in Hawai'i;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2011 as

"SOUNDING JOY MUSIC THERAPY DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Sounding Joy Music Therapy, Inc. for its valuable contributions to our communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this third day of October, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i